

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

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1. An image pickup apparatus comprising:  
image sensing means;  
storage means for storing predetermined data;  
display means for displaying the predetermined data  
stored in said storage means;

designation means for designating an arbitrary point  
on the predetermined data displayed on said display means;  
and

generation means for generating link information such  
that if an image is taken by said image sensing means after  
a point is designated by said designation means, link  
information is generated which represents that said taken  
image is linked to said designated point.

2. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1,  
further comprising addition means for adding the link  
information generated by said generation means to said  
predetermined data or said taken image.

3. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1,  
wherein said storage means further stores the image taken  
by said image sensing means.

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4. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said generation means generates link information such that any taken image is linked to the same point as the immediately previous point unless another point is designated by said designation means.

5. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said predetermined data is data representing a map.

6. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 3, wherein images may be stored in said storage means in a hierarchy fashion according to said link information and/or such that the images are linked to each other.

7. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising control means for controlling said image sensing means such that when a point is designated by said designation means, said image sensing means starts to take an image.

8. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, further comprising display controlling means for controlling a displaying process such that when said image pickup apparatus is in an image reproducing mode if a point having link information or a particular area adjacent to said point

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on the predetermined data is designated by said designation means, then an image indicated by said link information as an image corresponding to said designated point is displayed.

9. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said predetermined data stored in said storage means is an image taken by said image sensing means or an image input from an external device.

10. An image pickup apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the link information generated by said generation means includes information indicating a point designated by said designation means and also includes identification information of an image taken by said image sensing means.

11. A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, comprising:

an image sensing step;

a displaying step of displaying predetermined data stored in a storage unit;

a designation step of designating an arbitrary point on the predetermined data displayed in said displaying step; and

a generation step of generating link information such

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that if an image is taken in said image sensing step after a point is designated in said designation step, link information is generated which represents that said taken image is linked to said designated point.

12. A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, further comprising an addition step of adding the link information generated in said generation step to said predetermined data or said taken image.

13. A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, wherein said generation step generates link information such that any taken image is linked to the same point as the immediately previous point unless another point is designated in said designation step.

14. A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, wherein said predetermined data is data representing a map.

15. A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, further comprising a control step of controlling said image sensing step such that when a point is designated in said designation step, said image sensing step starts to take an image.

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16. A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, further comprising a display controlling step of controlling a displaying process such that when said image pickup apparatus is in an image reproducing mode if a point having link information or a particular area adjacent to said point on the predetermined data is designated in said designation step, then an image indicated by said link information as an image corresponding to said designated point is displayed.

17. A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, wherein said predetermined data is an image taken in said image sensing step or an image input from an external device.

18. A method of controlling an image pickup apparatus, according to Claim 11, wherein the link information generated in said generation step includes information indicating a point designated in said designation means and also includes identification information of an image taken in said image sensing step.

19. A storage medium storing a program for executing the method of controlling an image pickup apparatus according to Claim 11.

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21. A storage medium storing a program for executing the method of controlling an image pickup apparatus according to Claim 16.